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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 02-2016
Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

The City of Rockville Planning Commission convened in regular session in the
Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27, 2016

PRESENT

Charles Littlefield, Chair
Anne Goodman Jack Leiderman
Don Hadley Gail Sherman
David Hill John Tyner, II

Present: Andrew Gunning, Deputy Director
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Eliot Schaefer, Assistant City Attorney
Emad Elshafei, Chief of Traffic and Transportation
Kevin Belanger, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator
David Levy, Chief, Long Range Planning
Cindy Kebba, Principal Planner

- I. PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT BIKEWAY MASTER PLAN UPDATE** – to hear testimony from residents on the draft Bikeway Master Plan. This is the third public hearing on the draft Bikeway Master Plan (the first was held on April 9, 2014 and the second was held on October 14, 2015). Per Planning Commission request, staff sent postcards informing property owners along recommended routes with bicycle lanes of the upcoming public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke:

Doug Hernan – a resident of Twinbrook, spoke in support of the draft plan, emphasizing the safety aspects of the plan and he encouraged a bolder approach.

Nancy Breen – the Chair of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, spoke in favor of the draft plan given the broad support it could offer for all demographic groups.

Commissioner Hadley moved, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to close the public record for the draft plan on February 27, 2016. The motion passed, 7-0.

II. COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE – PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRENDS REPORT - to discuss the Historic Preservation Trends report with the Commission, which describes trends and background information regarding historic resources in the City.

Cindy Kebba presented the Historic Preservation Trends report and facilitated a discussion with the Commission on various aspects of the report, historic resources in the city, the designation process and how the issues identified may be addressed in the overall master plan update process.

III. COMMISSION ITEMS

- A.** Old Business – The Commission discussed a draft letter intended to transmit the draft Rockville’s Pike Neighborhood Plan to the Mayor and Council once the Commission is finished with their recommended plan. The Commission also discussed items to be addressed in the draft plan.
- B.** Staff Liaison Report – Andrew Gunning updated the Commission regarding the next meeting as well as upcoming items before the Mayor and Council.
- C.** New Business – Update on Town Center/Bus Rapid Transit study - Andrew Gunning provided an update regarding the recently completed study identifying options for bringing bus rapid transit into the Town Center area, and invited the Commission to attend the upcoming work session with the Mayor and Council on February 8.
- D.** Minutes – Meeting 18-2015 from October 14, 2015 – Commissioner Leiderman moved, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to approve the minutes as updated and resubmitted. The motion passed 7-0.
- E.** FYI Correspondence - none

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Gunning, Commission Liaison